

# BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary (Precept) Meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on **Monday 7th January 2019** commencing at **7.00 pm** in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.

**Present :** Cllr G . Davies (Deputy Mayor) Cllrs M.Prynne, B. Watkins, D. Ronicle, B Reardon, D Jones

**BW001/19** **Absent :**

**BW002/19** **Declarations of Interest**

None declared

**BW003/19** **Chairman** Cllr. D. Ronicle Elected for this meeting. Proposed Cllr. M. Prynne and  
Seconded by Cllr. B. Reardon and agreed by Council

**BW004/19** **Fidelity Guarantee.**

Cllr Ronicle, noted that this need further clarification. Then he proposed that, “ we honour to do our best to deal with the Councils finances with integrity”. Seconded by Cllr Reardon and Cllr Jones.

**BW005/19** **Budget 2018/19**

All documents presented by Cllr. D. Ronicle attached to these minutes.

Cash Reserve Summary was presented, figures reconciled as of 8/11/18 and updated from cheque and paying in books. Please note we have not had any Bank statements since November 2018, therefore we do not know what credits and debits have been made electronically.

Cllr Ronicle asked all Councillors to check the Budget Expenditure report and highlight any queries.

Budget Variances for 2018/19 and queries from 2018/19 presented, discussed and accepted.

In addition we discussed the cost of the School Crossing, further investigation is needed. Cllr B.Reardon will bring this issue to the next BWPS Governors meeting.

Christmas Lights meeting requested in January to discuss possible spend for Christmas 2019. Honorarium payment to be honoured.

Christmas Lights electricity, Clerk needs to complete the Western Power form and post it.

It was suggested that there should be notice to identify donations made for the Christmas lights.

Suggestion to purchase more Donation Boxes.

#### **BW006/19 Councillor/Mayors Allowances.**

The allowances have not been used, it is assumed that they will go into reserves. Each Councillor is required inform the Clerk in writing if they do not wish to receive the allowance. It was suggested that the Council have a template that could be used by all Councillors, but it is up to each individual.

#### **BW007/19 Publicity**

Cllr. Davies noted that we need a lot more publicity and that the websites will be the main method to inform the public. The Council have agreed to increase the website budget and further funds are available under 'Publicity'.

#### **BW008/19 Precept 2019/2020**

Proposed Precept was presented, the Project budget line was reduced to keep the proposed Precept as close as possible to the Precept agreed for 2018/2019.

Some additional points were raised :

##### **Strand Hall.**

Phase 3 line to be deleted from the Budget, Phase 3 considered complete.

Moved £5,000 from Phase 3 into refurbishments, Cllr Prynne mentioned that the Curtains will need further work to meet fire safety regulations.

Cllr. G. Davies, noted that the £1000 allocated for 'fixing' current issues in the Strand may not be enough.

Rates were over spent by £4,500 due to unforeseen increase in the RV of the Strand and the Kitchen.

Strand Toilet budget reduced from £4,000 to £1,000, it was suggested that we investigate the cost of operating a payment machine for entry.

There is a need for the Strand Hall management Committee to be (reformed) and to meet regularly.

Cllr. Davies noted that the budget for Strand Hall refurbishments was probably not sufficient to cover foreseeable costs, for example resurfacing the car park.

### **Training**

The training budget would need increasing for both the Clerk and Councillors.

### **Memberships**

A discussion was held as to whether memberships of other groups on which Councillors are required to attend should be paid for by the Council.

### **Travel.**

It was noted that no one has claimed any travel costs.

### **Administration.**

Noted that costs are high for this year, every effort will be made to reduce this cost in 2019/2020, but the budget has remained the same.

### **Website**

Agreed to approach Mr.E.Davies , one hour a month to maintain and update the Websites. It was noted that the current Councillors are not able to do this, but it is critical that publicity of Council business is updated regularly. Based on this it was agreed to increase the Website budget to £2000.

### **Insurance**

Budget was increased by 10% to cover standard increase in charges.

### **Dog Bags / Memorial Garden.**

It was agreed to add these to the 2019/2020 budget, total cost of £800, with £400 being requested from the Precept.

### **Grove Toilets.**

Signage still needed and noted that there was no budget for maintenance, which was agreed to be £2000 for 2019/2020 and added to the Precept.

## **BW009/19**

## **Precept Request for 2019/2020.**

Precept requested of £91,860 – on a 'D' property this is a cost of £85.69. This equates to an increase of £0.61 on last years precept.

Proposal – that Members to consider the Council's expected Income and Expenditure and that the attached budget and proposed precept to be adopted:-

Meeting Closed 9.30pm.

Signed.....

1<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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